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REMARKS

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This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. On 10 March 1954, the Kavallerie Schule in Krampnitz was occupied by an estimated 3,000 troops. The following materiel was identified at the barracks installation between 1 and 10 March: numerous T-34 tanks

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several JS-2 and JS-3 tanks several SU-122s  
several armored personnel carriers, several 76-2mm guns, 25X1  
7 x 85-mm AT guns, 5 x 57-mm AT guns and 16 x 120-mm mortars.

At the beginning of March, several hundreds of soldiers daily received infantry combat training and training with tanks in the barracks area and on the training grounds north of the installation. On 4 March, a large exercise, probably at regimental level, was held in the training area north of the installation. Observed were 11 T-34 tanks, 2 SP guns, 2 JS-3 tanks, 5 armored personnel carriers, 5 AT guns, 16 x 122-mm mortars and about 35 trucks occupied by troops. some of the troops from Krampnitz were transferred to the Kriegsschule in Potsdam. It was said that about 300 Soviet dependents of Soviet officers have been living in the settlement of Krampnitz since mid-March.

2. On 3 March, a column of 40 driving school vehicles drove from the Kavallerie Schule in Krampnitz to the terrain north of the installation. On 4 March, a column of 15 three-axle armored personnel carriers 4 trucks 25X1 towing 57-mm AT guns 2 jeeps and 10 other trucks loaded with billeting equipment, luggage and ammunition boxes left the installation 25X1 and drove toward Marquardt. Each of the trucks and personnel carriers mounted about 8 soldiers. On 6 March, a column of 8 x 152-mm field howitzers

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[redacted] drove to the Doeberitz troop training grounds from the direction of Needlitz via Fahrland. The column returned in the afternoon. At noon of the same day, a second column including 4 x 152-mm field guns and prime movers [redacted] also moved to Doeberitz from the direction of Nedlitz and returned at night.

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3. On 15 March, the Kriegs Schule in Potsdam was occupied by about 2,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. A T-34/85 tank and trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] were identified in the barracks area. On 15 March, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne was occupied by about 2,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. About 20 armored machine gun carriers, and 2 light ZIS-3 field guns were identified in the billeting area.

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On 15 March, the north and south section of the Delius Kaserne (2289) quartered about 2,000 troops. A 122-mm field gun, 152-mm gun howitzers and trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] On 4 March, the Hohenlohe Kaserne and Ludendorff Kaserne (2291/2292) were only partially occupied by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. 2 On 4 March, the Leibgardehusaren Kaserne (2282) quartered a KVP unit and about 400 Soviet troops who wore red epaulets and some red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted]

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On 4 March, the Schutzpolizei Kaserne (2285) was occupied by an estimated 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Four light field guns and 1 x 122-mm field howitzers were identified in the barracks area. 3 On 2 March, about 50 flatcars with sideracks and flatcars were assembled for loading at the Potsdam railroad station.

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4. On 15 March, the Kriegs Schule in Potsdam quartered a mortar unit and an AAA unit. Materiel identified in the barracks area included T-34 Tanks, 37-mm AA guns, about 30 x 120-mm mortars, and 40 trucks [redacted]

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On 15 March, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne was about 80 percent occupied by a tank unit. Several tanks including tank [redacted] and several armored personnel carriers [redacted]

In mid-March, the north and south section of the Delius Kaserne seemed to be occupied only 50 percent. Three x 120-mm field guns and truck [redacted] In mid-March, the Hohenlohe Kaserne was only about 50 percent occupied by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia [redacted]

The windows of the Ludendorff Kaserne were about 85 percent lighted during the evenings. Three Diesel prime movers towing 122-mm field guns drove to the installation on 11 March. 2

5. On 11 March, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne was occupied by about 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank and motor transport insignia. T-34/85 tanks and trucks [redacted] were identified there. The Kriegs Schule in Potsdam quartered about 1,000 troops wearing black epaulets with artillery insignia. Thirty-five 120-mm mortars and trucks [redacted]

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2.  Comment.  components of the 34th Arty Div  were at Altengrabow in early March. This is supported by statements in the present report, according to which the strength of troops at the installations decreased.
3.  Comment. This is the first information on guns in the Polizei Kaserne.

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